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A.B.C. ENGLAND RAIDED	LEICESTER PIRATES PT 3.
R.Gloria INT' RAIDED +	HOMO COURT CASE COCK UP PT 2.
R.BIG NOISE RAIDED	LOGBOOK, & ALL THE LATEST NEWS.
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THE NEXT EDITION, OF THIS MAGAZINE: (COULD CONTAIN PHOTO'S.)

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FOCUS NEWSREEL Times=GMT. (For CET, add 1hr.)

R.N.I. Radio Sweden's DX bulletin no. 1400 (broadcast 19/10/76) states that the Mebo 2 has left Rotterdam. The news item was sent in by one of R. Sweden's listeners, based on a report written in the French newspaper 'Le Figaro.' However, R. Sweden did not bother to check the story and in fact is incorrect, according to Buster Pearson (& his reporter in Holland) the mebo was still in dock on the morning of 20th October!

RAIDS. ABC England at 11.57 GMT on 3/10 suddenly left the air as a result of a Home Office raid. Eight members of the Cambridge, Colchester & Bedford HomO Radio Service Divisions & two policemen, (in what could best be described as a scene borrowed from the ITV series, 'The Sweeney') arrived in a large Willhire Ford Transit Van, and swarmed all over the transmission site, a back garden of a house in Haddenham, Cambridgeshire. A third policeman arrived moments later in a Panda patrol car. They arrived as ABC's staff were preparing for closedown. Six people were interrogated by the HomO. The raid was led by MP Hawkins of the Colchester RSD & P. Duke (no relation to ABC's announcer of same name), of Cambridge RSD. Also present were JMT Smith & TJ Freeman of Cambridge RSD & R. Game & RF Cassell of the Colchester RSD. The other two HomO present wouldn't reveal their identity. The 3 policemen were from Witchford Constabulary. ABC's new 220w tx was confiscated with it's psu, a Sony cassette radio, 3 cassettes & a sw dipole antennae. No one claimed ownership of the tx & psu (power supply unit.) A person found on the site refused to turn the tx off as he said he wasn't a station operator so a HomO person switched it off. Cars outside the tx site were also searched but nothing was found. The raiding party left at 13.25. Summonses are expected early next year. FORP/FRF will have several reporters there, (some in the box even!!) Meanwhile ABC continues!! The new schedule is; 11.00-Remember those oldies; 11.30-DX Bulletin 11.45a-Calling Europe, (music & chat.); 12.30-DX Bulletin (Repeat); 12.45-Programme news & S/Off. Frequency=6270kHz. 48mb. Short Wave.

Due to the raid, ABC cannot guarantee regular broadcasts every Sun' as previously but definite dates are; 7/11, 5/12 & 2/1/77. A new 'Jumbo' advert soon to appear on R. Caroline for offshore jingle EP given exclusive play on ABC Eng' on 10/10. Details on R. Dublin raid see p. 10! R. Gloria Int' from West Germany was raided on 19/9 at 13.00 by the GPO & Police. The raid has forced RGI off the air altogether. Although the WG authorities have frequently acted against FM pirates in the past, it is believed that this was the first time action has been taken against a SW station. RGI had been active on MW for two years & commenced SW broadcasts in April '76. It is thought that there was a traitor in the station as RGI was using a new location, not used previously. R. Big Noise, a London MW station was raided recently, there was supposed to have been some 'aggro' involved by the op'. Sort of thing that gives FR a bad name. The Swiss pirate mentioned in FRF8 on 104MHz FM called R101/Atlantis was raided recently despite good security according to 'Swiss SW Henry-go-round' the DX programme on R. Switzerland. The tx was 50 watts.

R. Valleri have yet another new address! It is; 134 Eastworth Rd, Chertsey, Surrey, England; & is no longer the address in Dublin. FRF 10 out beginning of December. Deadline for contributions: 30/11..

Newsreel continued opposite.

Focus newsreel continued.....

Caroline. On 10/9 the Mi-Amigo was once again on a sandbank during a force 8 gale. The transmitters went silent during the night and stayed off until the following Thursday, 16/9. It appears that the anchor chain did not break but was dragged. The reason why Caroline was off was that sea water had got into the ship and everything including records had to be washed & dried. The 192m tx did not return until the 22/9 because sea water had got into it & repairs had to be made. A new anchor has been fitted & also a standby is on board. During the incident the Mi-Amigo stayed in International waters. Caroline has a new address, it is; A321 Rosas, Gerona, Spain. They also have a sales office, (a hotel room in Madrid!) The address of it is; Suite 6a, Suero de Quinones 11, Madrid 2, Spain: Tel. Madrid-2610464. At 12.15 on 20/10 a Kent Police boat circled the Mi-Amigo! Ed Foster said, "It just goes to show you, you can't have your lunch without being spied on"! Samantha returned to Caroline on 21/10. The Free Radio Show is now back on R. Mi-Amigo on 259m, Sundays at 15.30. They also broadcast the Veronica top 40 now on Sundays at 12.00-15.30 & on Thurs' at 15.00-17.00 hosted by Bart van Leeuwen or Frank van der Mast. On Wednesdays at 15.30 there is a pop news spot in English. It lasts under 5mins' though! RMA's address is still; c/o RADO, Playa de Aro, Gerona, Spain. Caroline stickers case. After a short hearing the appeal has been adjourned until 25/10. See FRF 6, 7 & also 'Living Free Radio' mag, in no. 4 out now, a visit to the Mebo, landbased & offshore FR info etc.. 20p+sae from; PO Box 416, Birmingham B32 2HS. #New Stations.....

R. Sombrero, first heard on 29/8 on 6200kHz playing Latin American musics. Reports accompanied by 2IRC's to; PO Box 46, N-6650 Surnadal, Norway; will be verified by a qsl card: Britain R. Int' was first on 5/9 & broadcasts Sunday mornings on 6220kHz at 10.00. Address is; Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Notts, NG23-6JX: R. Rock Int' & R. South Coast Int' are two more new stations. RRI was first on 26/9 & is on Sunday mornings, 10-12.00 on 6275kHz, they use a 10w VFO controlled tx. RSCI came on the air 3/10 & broadcasts Sunday mornings on 6270 kHz. The address for both is; Kent Place, Norwell, Newark, Notts, NG23-6JX: KOL Europe is a new station from West Germany & it is believed that it will be on alternate Sundays on 6275kHz with a news, views & comments format similar to that of R. Copernicus in 1974. Their address is; Haardtstrasse 62, D-43 Essen 11, FRG: World Music R. did their last broadcast for the time being over R. Andorra's tx on 25/9. They have been off since then as they cannot afford to pay R. Andorra any more rental due to lack of advertising. Free Television Abie Nathan hopes to operate a colour television station from the Peace Ship in the near future, there are two major problems though; How to transmit a good quality tv picture from a rolling ship & which system to use, as in Northern Israel Lebanon TV is watched & Lebanon uses the SECAM system whilst in Central Israel, Jordan TV is viewed which uses the PAL system (which is a superior system.) All the Free TV stations in Italy which have been legalised will be operating on UHF Band V, (5). On Monday 4/10, the Midlands ITV regional news programme, "ATV Today" featured an item about a station known as Third Horizon Broadcasting on 227m. One of the dj's was interviewed while doing a live show from a mobile studio in the back of a Land-Rover at a secret location. The Clandestine Listeners Club Germany, (CLCG); PO Box 5021, D-23 Kiel 1, FRG, no longer exists. All subs on CLCG mag' have been refunded & all stations using the address can no longer do so. The CLCG closed as Ronald Schmidt who was in charge didn't have enough spare time anymore. R. South Coast Int' mentioned above made it's final transmission on 24/10 only 3 weeks after opening. Newsreel continued on p.8.

WANTED! Photographs (Black & white) of a Free Radio nature for inclusion in Free Radio Focus. Please contact the editor for lending them.

Omissions from TRF8 logbbok.

This months log.

1) R.Sombrero.....	12/9	6210	09.15	2:3:3:2:2	E/LA	E..
2) Time Radio.....	12/9	6225	09.50	4:3:3:4:3	E/P	E..
3) R.Jackie, London...	12/9	1331	10.20	3:2:3:3:3	E/P	E..
4) R.Channel 292.....	12/9	6234	10.45	3:3:3:4:3	E, G/P	WG
5) Britain Radio Int.	12/9	6220	10.50	2:3:3:2:2	E/P	NL
6) ABC England.....	12/9	6270	11.00	2:3:3:3:2	E/P	WG
7) R.Valleri, Dublin...	12/9	6260	11.14	3:3:3:3:3	E/P	E..
8) KOL Europe.....	18/9	6275	09.15	4:4:4:4:4	E/T	E..
9) World Music Radio	18/9	6230	11.00	3:3:3:3:3	E/P	E..
10) Radio Hawaii. (NL)	19/9	1320	00.20	3:4:3:3:3	D/P, TM	E..
11) R.Coro. (NL).....	19/9	1315	01.20	2:4:3:3:3	D/A	NL
12) R.Atlantis. (NL)...	19/9	1331	01.30	3:5:3:3:3	E, D	NL
13) ABC England.....	19/9	6270	10.15	2:3:4:2:2	E, P/DX	E..
14) Skyport Radio.....	19/9	6250	10.35	4:3:4:3:3	E/P, L	E..
15) Britain R.Int'.....	19/9	6220	10.50	3:3:4:4:3	E/P	E..
16) R.Valleri.....	19/9	6260	11.05	4:4:4:4:4	E/P	E..
17) KOL Europe.....	19/9	6280	11.15	3:3:4:3:3	E/P	E..
18) R.Gloria Int'.....	19/9	6250	11.20	3:2:4:3:2	E, G/A	E..
19) R.Jackie, London...	19/9	1331	12.24	3:2:3:3:3	E/P	E..
20) Voice of Peace.....	20/9	1540	19.45	3:2:3:3:2	E	E..
21) World Music Radio	25/9	6230	11.10	4:3:4:3:3	D/P	E..
22) Time Radio.....	26/9	6235	09.30	3:3:3:3:3	E/P	WG
23) Britain R.Int'.....	26/9	6220	09.40	3:3:3:3:3	E/P	WG
24) R.Solent City Int.	26/9	6280	10.15	2:3:2:2:2	E/P	WG
25) Skyport Radio.....	26/9	6210	10.25	3:2:2:3:2	E/P, L	WG
26) R.Rock Int'.....	26/9	6275	10.50	3:3:4:4:3	E/P, T	NL
27) Hurricane R.....	26/9	6217	11.05	3:4:3:3:3	E/P	WG
28) R.Valleri.....	26/9	6260	11.35	2:4:3:2:2	E/P	E..
29) KOL Europe.....	3/10	6280	10.11	4:4:4:4:4	E/P	E..
30) Skyport Radio.....	3/10	6210	10.15	3:3:4:4:3	E/A	E..
31) R.Valleri.....	3/10	6260	10.17	4:3:3:5:3-4	E/P	E..
32) ABC England.....	3/10	6270	11.05	5:5:5:5:5	E/DX	E..
33) R.South Coast Int'	3/10	6270	12.00	3:4:4:3:3	E/P, T	E..
34) R.Solent City Int'	3/10	6280	12.11	3:3:3:4:3	E/P	E..
35) R.Valentine.....	3/10	6250*	12.45	5:4:5:4:4	G/P	E..
36) Time Radio Int'...	3/10	6235	13.00	4:4:4:4:4	E/A	E..
37) Swingin R.England	9/10	1322	00.02	2:4:3:1:2	E/A	E..
38) R.Invicta Int'....	10/10	6203	09.55	2:3:3:2:2	E/S	E..
39) Skyport Radio.....	10/10	6210	10.00	3:3:4:4:3	E/L	E..
40) Britain R.Int'....	10/10	6220	10.45	3:2:3:3:2	E/P	E..
41) R.Solent City Int.	10/10	6280	11.34	3:4:2:3:3	E/P	E..
42) R.Europe Int'.....	10/10	6275	12.05	2:2:3:2:2	E	E..
43) R.Atlantis.....	10/10	6250a	12.30	5:5:5:4:5	-/P	E..
44) Time Radio.....	10/10	6235	12.35	3:4:4:3:3	E/P	E..

A new magazine is out now called; FREE RADIO WAVES, in no.1 there is the latest landbased & offshore free radio news, flashback to Tower Radio, latest on the Caroline stickers case & Johnnie Walker slams the BBC+photos, qsl's etc.. Only 10p+sae from; Flagstones, West Heath Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1TA, England.*****

HOMO Court Case Cock-Up!! Part 2.Cont'd from FRF8.

In part 1,Martin Peter Bolton was called late one evening to the local Police station where Raymond Frank Cassell & Michael Peter Hawkins of the HomO were waiting to interview him in connection with illegal broadcasts from R.Albatross in Bury St.Edmunds last Easter Sunday.He had been found near the site by PC Reeder while tracking down for himself RA's location.....

"During the 55min 'Interview' that followed Mr.Cassell who took charge,'Quoted' many times from PC Reeder's notes made on Easter Sunday'; accused Bolton of operating RA on the Sunday in question & asked him at least six times if he wanted to make a statement.Bolton said he would NOT make any statement on or off the record,without his soliciter present & at one stage the exchanges got so heated that he threatened to walk out!He asked the HomO/Police if they intended to charge him?They said they did not!Only some 10mins before the end of the 'Interview' Cassell said that a)He did not believe a word of Bolton's story(see pt1)/reason for being in Jacqueline Close before 1pm on Easter Sunday. b)He considered that an offence had been committed to the 1949 Wireless Telegraphy (WT) Act, c)Bolton would probably be hearing from the HomO (Home Office) solicitors in due course.Bolton was then 'Formerly cautioned' & when asked if he wished to say anything,he replied 'No comment.' He then said 'Goodnight' & left with the words 'I dare say,I'll possibly be seeing you gentlemen sometime in the future,'
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Late in July 1976 Bolton received a summons on 2 charges.He was puzzled by the first one but,following some legal investigation he established that he was being 'Done' for listening to/receiving an illegal/pirate broadcast on his home domestic receiver on that Easter Sunday morning!Bolton was truly amazed & somewhat highly honoured,because this part of the 1949 WT act is very rarely enforced & there have only been few such cases over the past 10years.Indeed,in theory at least,even anyone who listens to Radio Lux 208(an illegal high power pirate which transmits on an unallocated frequency in breach of the Copenhagen Treaty & European Agreement) is breaching the 1949 WT Act!!!

So,we now return to Thurs 26/8 '76 & the legal proceedings-For the prosecution the tiny, strange looking figure of Mr.Anthony Brentnall (He's tough,red hot on cross examination & a right *!x@!.*!! to be up against,BUT he's also damn good at his job,very fair,charming in victory or defeat,would be a marvellous character to have defending you & is generally a damn nice chap,) put forward the details of their case,calling in this order-Reeder,Hawkins,Cassell-to the witness box to give evidence such as it was.Bolton cross examined each witness in turn & did a good job for a nervous amateur.One part of PC Reeder's evidence seemed to contradict another part.Reading from his notes he claimed that on Easter Sunday he had asked Bolton-'Is the tx on a special frequency?' & yet he went on to claim-'I wouldn't know a crystal as I know nothing about electronics whatsoever.I've never heard of a crystal before!' Bolton spotted this flaw in the prosecution evidence & taking a plastic bag from his pocket,proceeded to tip numerous small electronic components onto the large courtroom table.Then turning to PC Reeder in the witness box he asked;"Do you know what a crystal does?"

R-"I do now,but I didn't before all this business."

B-"Can you tell the court if you see a crystal before you?"

R-"No sorry,I can't.I know nothing about electronics."

B-"Well,for your information-that is a crystal!"

Bolton moved a crystal out from amongst the numerous small electronic components on the table,whilst making a mental note of another point proved in his favour!.....Continued opposite!.....

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HomO C.C.C-U Cont'd!....With Hawkins in the witness box,Bolton asked 7 him if he or any of the monitoring stns had actually heard RA on the air on the date in question?Hawkins stated that he had not heard RA & he was not aware if or not the monitoring stns had!Bolton asked him if he agreed that he (Bolton) might have been wrong in assuming that the 500Hertz tone carrier was coming from RA because items other than rotary power convertors-ie pocket calculators,television sets,etc.. also produce a 500Hz tone over radio receivers?Hawkins stated that he did agree!Did Hawkins agree that he (Bolton) had been unduly pressurised during the Police stn interview?No,Hawkins did not agree!Bolton asked Cassell questions similar to those which he asked Hawkins & then came Bolton's trump card:-B-"Mr.Cassell,do you recall that when I attended the Police stn interview I brought my electronics work bag with me, which I placed on the desk?"

C-"Yes I recall.You did have a bag."

B-"And were you aware that in my bag was a running cassette recorder?"

C-"No I wasn't aware at the time,but I've since had it suggested to me"

B-"Well I have here a cassette recording of the full 55min interview which I do not intend to introduce as evidence,but I also have here a transcript of the recording which runs no less than 21 pages.So I can prove exactly what was & was not said!" Mr.Brentnall then asked Cassell a few more questions before saying,'That is the case for the prosecution.' At once Bolton was on his feet asking the clerk of the court if,before beginning the case for the defence,he could address an appeal to the chairman of the bench?He was told that he could-so he began speaking.(The bench of magistrates was comprised of a middle aged woman,a middle aged man & the chairman,who was an older man.)

Bolton stated that because of factors X,Y,Z,etc,it was his submission that,'There was no case to answer,' & that,'The case should be thrown out of court because there were holes in it,big enough to drive a bus through!' After a brief conflagration amongst themselves the magistrates rose.The time was 12.50,nearly lunchtime.Five mins later the magistrates returned to the bench.The chairman told Bolton that,'They agreed with his submission/application.In their opinion the prosecution had not proved the two offences/charges & therefore,the case was being thrown out of court!' A faint cheer arose from the public gallery!

Afterwards,outside the courthouse,Cassell not saying a word sat in his estate car with the RA gear still in the back.Hawkins & Brentnall shook hands with Bolton,congratulating him on his victory.Brentnall said,'It did not worry him.It was just his job,' & Hawkins said,'There will be a next time,when things might be different!' Hawkins then resumed his personal aggro & heated argument with Pete Frost (Tony Harris,former RA stn manager & senior engineer) saying that,'RA was the most failed pirate stn in the country!' Meanwhile Martin Peter Bolton was busy being interviewed by the media,safe in the knowledge that:-
a)The Police could not substantiate/were not going to press charges of breaking & entering against him! b)He had achieved a great victory for Free Radio against the might of the Colchester HomO! c)His great victory has been achieved by a good clean fight with Big-Brother,which had been conducted by both sides in a gentlemanly,professional manner.
d)R.Albatross could in the light of events,claim back their gear from the Colchester HomO! e)R.Albatross will return sometime in the future,every Sunday on 212m,1412kHz mw,with a powerful new 100w tx & new improved staff & programmes ! THE END!! (c)ABC Eng News dept' 26/8/76.

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The History of Pirate Radio in Leicester. Part 3.

Here I am again with part 3 of the continuing story. In this part I shall be looking at Independent R. Leicester, R. England, R. Christmas & R. Appollo Int'. Independent R. Leicester, was the first station to be heard on the air in 1972, it was on the air every Sunday from 3pm-4.30pm on 221m.w. & 6225kHz SW. This was the first real attempt at getting a regular clandestine station on the air in Leicester, it ran from April '72-August '72. It closed because the operators left the area, IRL suffered no GPO interference. It was a great pity when it finally went, the address for IRL was; Mike Harris, University of Nottingham, you'll probably remember the address has been used previously by other stations. The dj's on IRL were; Dave Dean, Dave Ross, Mike Allen, Tony Black, Alan Dunckley & Pete Richards. Power was 25w mw & 10w sw. R. England, was the next station to be heard in 1972, this station was again heard most Saturday nights at 24.00 on 230mw with 100w, & also on sw, 6225kHz. R. Englands programmes were of poor quality & the tx often left the air, this station could be heard from Oct '72-Nov '72 but it disappeared as suddenly as it came, never to be heard of again, the dj's on this station were; Davy Jones, Andy Scott, Geoff Norton & Johnny Day, the address; CRAM, 21 Forest Gate, Anstey, Leic. Listeners in the Leicester area on Christmas Day '72 would have heard R. Christmas, it commenced broadcasts at 12noon & continued until 4pm, the prog's were very good, & they even had a pantomime which as you know is very strange for a pirate station. The dj's on R. Christmas were the same ones as on IRL, so obviously the op's of IRL had returned to the area for the festive season. R. Christmas could be heard on 192/276m.w. & 92MHz VHF & 6225kHzs.w. It's rumoured they'll be back this Christmas coming so listen out for it. We now come to 1973 which was not a very good year for the pirate fan in Leicester, only one station could be heard & that was R. Appollo Int', this could be heard on various frequencies on sw, 49m-6225kHz, 31m-9.5MHz & 19m-15.016kHz. It was also on the 11mband. In fact, R. Appollo was the remains of R. England that had closed down months before. Appollo was heard for the first time in February '73 & continued until April '73 when it mysteriously left the air. It was understood that the operators had lost their nerve as Appollo was becoming very BIG. The dj's on Appollo were, Andy Scott (ex R. England), Glenn Dee Harding, Steve Wells & Davy Jones (ex R. England.) They broadcast from 09-14.00GMT with 500w. Their address was the same as R. England's. Well, that was that for 1973, so Leicester was still to have a regular pirate, but during 1974 this happens. I will tell you all about it in part 4. If anyone of you would like recordings of the following Leicester pirates write to me c/o the mag'.; Associated R. Network, R. Free Midlands '71, Independent R. Leicester, R. England, Radio Appollo Int', Delta R., Trans World Radio, R. Free Midlands '76 & Alternative R. Leicester. Captain Blackbeard.

Focus Newsreel, Con't from p.3.

R. Rock Int' will now broadcast on 6235KHz on Sat' mornings (See p.3.)

R. Solent City now use a new 50w transmitter & broadcast a dx prog' on the last Sun' of the month at 12.30GMT. Address as R. Rock Int'.

R. Northsea Int' is a FRL station, & could be heard in August on 6241 KHz. It is not known if they will verify reports. The German stations Ocean Gate R. & Fire R. will return soon although in the past they said they would never return. Another German station, Peanuts R. (15w) will be on the air soon with the increased power of 100w. R. Skyline will transmit it's last prog' on 19/12/76 because some of their staff must go to the German Federal Defence Forces on 1/1/77!

R. Valentine report that they are using their 1KW transmitter but are having problems because 60% of the output power is going out on two spurious frequencies of 6210 & 6290 instead of 100% on 6250kHz. RV claim that transmissions go out from the motor vessel "Amsterdam" in International waters.

More newsreel opposite.

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 apologies to anyone who's been omitted.....
 Wanted for next edition; Info on stations with plans for Xmas tx's...

 In FRF 10 out beginning of December; R. Rainbow story, schematic of a
 crystal checker/standard freq' marker, QSL of the month, + all the
 usual features, & each page a different colour!! 10p+sae or 2IRC's,
 order now: Deadline for contributions for FRF 10; Tuesday, 30/11/76....
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FOCUS NEWSREEL Cont'd...

More info' on Britain R. Int'. The tx used is reported to be a 6watt
 transistor rig running in class B, 100% modulation + a class A trans-
 istor amplifier, regular transmissions use a 50w rig, transistor with
 class B modulator. The station staff are: John Sheperd-dj, Steve Joens-
 technician, Our Norman-engineer & Jeany-Secretary & International ann-
 -ouncer. John Williams reports that in Bath early this year 3 people
 were arrested for having Caroline stickers in their car. Sorry no
 more details on that. East Coast R. will continue tests on 60m this
 winter on either; 4750, 4870 & 4400-4680kHz. Last year they were heard
 1000 miles away with a claimed output of 1w! The tests will be on
 M' mornings & the first 100% correct report received at; PO Box 46,
 N-6650 Surnadal, Norway, will receive a cassette or tape of jingles.:
 R. Valentine sell photos of their studio for 1IRC each & T-shirts for
 12DM each: R. Zodiac Int' are to start regular monthly transmissions
 soon on either 6235, 6225 or 6220kHz starting at 11.00GMT. Their add-
 -ress is; 49, West Way, Lancing, Sussex, Eng'. North Kent R. are to start
 SW transmissions very soon under the callsign of R. Kent, with 50w.-
 Tests in the 41mb are expected soon, exact freq' not known though.:
 A couple of omissions from logbook-R. Southcoast Int'.. 19/9.. 6280...
 09.55.. 44444.. E/P: ABC Eng'.. 26/9.. 6270.. 11.04.. 44444.. E/A.....:
 R. Luxembourg's studios for the night time Eng' service went 'self-
 -op' on 13/9. Unfortunately the pro

-grammes aren't any better, (exce-
 pt for Bob Harris!): James Ross
 now on Peace Ship, meanwhile, Steve
 Gordon just returned from Peace R.
FOCUS FEEDBACK: Just one small po-
 -int re John William's letter. Dut-
 -ch qso's like Black Shadow & com-
 -pany do not put out good progs of
 their own, It's pure immature rub-
 -bish, & I have yet to hear anythi-
 -ng resembling a prog' from one of
 these stations. A distorted record-
 -ing of Dutch barrell organ music,
 cut off half way through, followed
 by 15secs of silence & several
 curt remarks, mostly unintelliga-
 -ble, is not a prog'. Simon Luttrell:
 Focus newsreel cont'd overpage....

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FLASHBACK.
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Thanks to
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 you have any
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 -terested in
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Sunday morning 'pop' pirates were teenagers

Two youths, aged 17 and 15, operated an unlicensed "pop" radio station from a house, broadcasting records for two hours on Sunday mornings. Birmingham magistrates were told yesterday by Mr P. J. L. Woolf, prosecuting for the GPO. They called the station "Radio Atlanta."

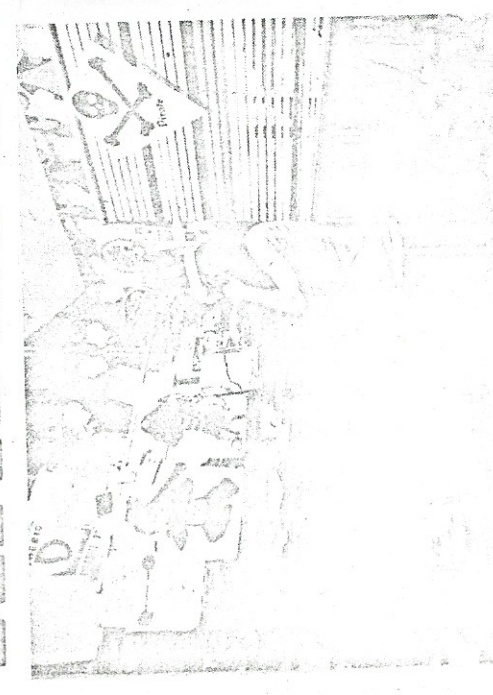
Clive Andrew Price, aged 17, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, was fined £15 after admitting installing and using apparatus for wireless telegraphy without a licence.

The younger boy was ordered to pay £10 for using apparatus for wireless telegraphy without a licence. The magistrates ordered the equipment, a radio transmitter, record player and records, to be confiscated.

Last night Clive Price said that the station, which they started in February, had no advertisements. They had about 1,000 listeners. "We used a wave-length which did not interfere with other people," he added. "It was really all a bit of a lark and I thought we might have got away with a caution."

THE PIRATES ON THE RADIO

BY
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● RADIO DUBLIN on the air with D.J. 'Doctor Don'.
PICTURE: Liam O'Connor.

A CAT and mouse game is continuing between a pirate radio station and the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. Last night Radio Dublin changed its broadcasting location once again.

It was the umpteenth time for the pirates to move headquarters since beginning permanent transmission last October.

The broadcasts on 227 and 253 medium wave have been giving enjoyment to thousands but are causing a headache for the G.P.O. who have been trying in vain to locate the pirates.

Doctor Don, one of the station's top disc jockeys, took time off last week from churning out the sounds to speak about Radio Dublin.

The bearded pirate, who openly admits to having no medical qualifications but who is regarded as a bit of a wizard at illegal broadcasting, proudly announced: "We now have an audience of at least 10,000. And it's going to grow bigger."

"Our main problem is trying to prevent the G.P.O. discovering our whereabouts. We have to keep on the move all the time in our efforts to keep one step ahead of the posse."

The doctor was speaking from a small bedroom in a south-side house which is the main base for the station's operations.

Outside one of his colleagues patrolled the streets in a car fitted with a two-way radio. His job was to make sure the P&T authorities were not closing in.

Operators

The doctor explained that Radio Dublin had been broadcasting on and off for almost ten years. But he maintained that it didn't start winning an audience until last October when he joined it.

"It wasn't until then that our broadcasts became more or less permanent," he said. "We broadcast three days a week now and plan on extending the service shortly."

"We are not in this business for the money. Radio Dublin has

been offered advertising but we have refused it.

"We're simply radio fanatics," he said. "Some people play golf, others climb mountains, we devote our time to radio broadcasts."

Doctor Don, who operates the station with three others, said their medium wave broadcasts could be picked up clearly in a 20-mile radius.

But he maintained that when they transmitted on the short wave they could be heard as far

away as Norway and Sweden. He said that last month Radio Dublin applied to the Post Office for a licence and its operators were now keeping their fingers crossed that it would be authorised.

"The south has Corkabach and the west Radio Na Gaeltacht and the north Downtown Radio," he said. "But the capital of the country has to depend on our unauthorised station for a local radio service."

...And as he said, R. Dublin returned the following Sunday. Printed here is an article which appeared in 'Sunday World' earlier this year about R. Dublin. Since the raid reported here there have been two more attempted raids.

There is now a Radio Dublin club, The BIG D Club, it costs £1 for one year & among other things you get four newsheets. Westside has been off until Dr. Don can get things back together again. Meanwhile you can contact R. Dublin/Westside Radio at; 90 Ranelagh, Dublin 6, Ireland.

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Dr. Don was in Cont'd... R. Dublin, was raided on Wed' night, Thursday morning (15/16 Sept) at 12.10am reports Dr. Don, "The P.O. did not get the actual tx but got our linear & audio. We will however be back using our standby mobile tx. When they raided I threw the tx in the next door garden where a large dog hangs out. The guy next door knew what to do & tore the tx to pieces bringing the remnants to the police who had knocked on his door. Well, they didn't hang about for more than 20mins & there was little aggro'. When they first knocked I demanded a warrant & did not open the door. I didn't get a proper look when they actually broke in some 'amin' later. I shouted to Debbie (my wife), to phone the newspapers while I hid the Valrie Talkie & letters. Well that's about it, I'll let you know the latest as it happens, but rest assured R. Dublin will be back as usual." Thanks Dr. Don for that report.....